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Aurora: 1

"You wanted to see me?" I asked Alpha Blake, who was pacing in the hospital corridor. He stopped immediately when he saw me, rubbing a hand over his face before meeting my eyes, "Aurora," he said, "I know this isn't easy for you, but... the doctors have decided to remove the tubes today. They say he isn't responding."

Though I had told myself countless times that I hated the man who used to be my best friend, but ... still... I could feel my heart sinking.

Being careful, I didn't change my facial expression, "So?"

He blinked, clearly thrown off by my flat tone, "So? So, maybe you should see him. Just once... before they..."

"I don't think that's necessary," I cut him off, trying to steady my voice as I placed my hands in my pants pockets.

He stayed silent and stared at the floor that he was digging with his shoe tip, "Please?" just one word, and then he tilted his face sideways, hiding the disappointment behind that smirk, "Whatever happened in the past... you..."



"Don't," I retorted, "Don't talk to me about my past. I still don't know what else you people know about me, but just..." I raised my hand to stop him, "Don't!"

A nurse came out from Jai's room, and I heard the faint beeping of monitors from inside the ward that filled the corridor. With a sigh, Alpha Blake looked inside, and I felt his shoulders sag.

"Fine," he said quietly, "I didn't call you here because he wanted to meet you. No," he clicked his tongue inside his cheek as he shook his head, "I saw you two grow together. I ... I just didn't want you to regret it later."

I stared at him for a long moment, then turned towards the door, "Regret? Regret is something I've already made peace with," Still not knowing if I was doing this right or not, I pushed open the door.

The room smelled of antiseptic. Machines were humming softly. Beta Hunter was sitting by Jai's bed, but the moment he saw me stepping in, he shot up... and then, to my shock, dropped to one knee.

My eyes widened slightly, but I couldn't speak. Behind me, I could feel Alpha Blake's confusion.

"What's this?" he asked from behind.

I ignored him and shot Beta Hunter a hard look...



pleading with him silently not to do it and stand up. What exactly had gotten into his head?

"Can you please stand up, Beta Hunter?" I asked him sharply, gritting my teeth.

He got up but didn't meet my eyes. Alpha Blake's gaze still lingered on me, but this time he didn't say anything.

The door closed behind them with a soft click. And after a long time, it was just the two of us.

I dragged the stool closer and sat down beside his bed, my hands were still clasped in my lap.

His face had lost all the baby fat and looked too slim. There was so much calmness on his face that for a moment I wanted to shake him hard.

After destroying my life, here he was... sleeping calmly.

I stared at his hand for a while, torn between reaching out or walking away. I didn't want to touch him.

And to be honest, I didn't want to feel anything. But the more I looked, the weaker I got.

With a quiet sigh, I gave up and took his hand. Strange. It was warm. Too warm for someone who wasn't coming back.



"Whatever you did to me," I whispered, my voice was barely audible, "I'll never forget it, Jai."

I tightened my fingers slightly around his, "Yes, you were my best friend... Yes, you stood by my side all this time... but the storm you brought into my life... the chaos you created..." I shook my head, a dry laugh escaping my lips, "The rippling effect it caused in my life... I don't think I'll ever forget that either."

There was still silence, and I wished he could get up and fight me... argue with me. I looked at his face, which had that peace that was never there when he was alive.

"They say... You should ask a man's last wish before he dies," I murmured, "So, here I am, asking you. If you still want something, if there's anything left undone... tell me." 1

Of course, he didn't move. I didn't expect him to.

But it felt right.

I stayed there, holding his hand for a few more minutes, thinking of my past... when I didn't know what he did to me.

And all this time, he kept giving me the impression that he was the most sincere man in my life. After a sigh, I stood up, ready to leave.

That was when I felt the tug.



I looked down... It was my bracelet...

It had caught on his wristwatch... It was a lady's wristwatch that he occasionally wore so fondly.

"Seriously, Jai?" I muttered under my breath, forgetting momentarily that I hated him. With a frown, I tried to untangle it. It didn't come loose easily.

Urgh.

For a brief second, I stared at it... the thin metal, the familiar scratches. I had often seen him, playing with it, absentmindedly.

"It was given to me by my crush!" He had once joked about it, and I had slapped his arm. 1

Time seemed to freeze for a minute. Why did I feel he was doing it on purpose?

"Fine," I whispered, unclasping the wristwatch, "Got it. I'll take it," I placed it in my pocket and looked at his hand.

"For the last few months, Moon Goddess is torturing me by sending these dead people to meet me," I told him with a smirk, "But you, Jai... please... don't think of visiting me... don't ever show me your face, Jai Chris,"

I stepped back with the feeling that he had heard every single word.



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When I left the room, I felt as if I had left a piece of my heart behind.

Shaking my head hard, I scolded myself, "Get back to work, Aurora. He was just an old chapter in your life. Now move on." 1

With that, I nodded at Alpha Blake and walked past him.

That evening, when Sebastian came in, his face was grim, "Aurora," He sat next to me on the sofa and held my hands, "Jai Chris is gone, sweetheart."

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